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GRIEF AND JOY AT MANILA Many Hong Kong Volunteers Arriving From Japan

SMALL MAIL FROM ENGLAND

Hong Kong yesterday received its first mail from the United Kingdom, since the re-occupation. It was a small batch arriving by plane from Manila together with mails from Australia and Fiji.

ROOM FOR ALL

A REPATRIATION SHIP WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR 1,200 PASSENGERS IS EXPECTED IN THE COLONY IN A DAY OR TWO, AND ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT PROGRAMME SHOULD BE READY TO SAIL ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 1.

It was officially disclosed also yesterday that no definite information has yet been received on the date of arrival of the vessel bringing 600 liberated internees from Shanghai.

If however, they reach Hong Kong in time, as many as possible will be embarked in the repatriation ship leaving on October 1, as it is most unlikely that there will be sufficient Hong Kong repatriation who are ready and willing to leave at this time to fill berthing accommodation for 1,200.

REPARATIONS ORDER

WIESBADEN, SEPT. 26.—GENERAL EISENHOWER YESTERDAY DECREED THAT FIVE HUGE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE UNITED STATES OCCUPATION ZONE IN GERMANY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REPARATIONS.

The undertakings include the underground Pöcher station shipyards at Bremen, Germany's largest works for the manufacture of ball bearings at Schweinfurt, and the zinc works at Munich.

The works will be dismantled immediately under the supervision of Allied military and government officers, but it has not yet been decided to what nations the dismantled parts will be sent. — Reuter.

RICKSHA FARES

The Ricksha Syndicate have fixed the following fares for rickshas: 10 cents for less than 10 minutes; 20 cents for more than 10 minutes; 40 cents for more than 30 minutes; and 60 cents for an hour.

N.Y. LIFT STRIKE

New York, Sept. 26. The lift strike in downtown New York has paralysed the business centre with more than a million people unable to reach their offices, except under great inconvenience. The strike has now lasted three days and there is a threat of its extension to the apartment house areas. — Reuter.

JOYCE APPEAL

London, Sept. 26. William Joyce and his legal advisers were working to-day in a London prison on arrangements for his appeal against the death sentence. His counsel said the appeal would be lodged well within the prescribed 10 days. — Reuter.

SPATE OF CABLES

Cable and Wireless announced in London yesterday that since the re-opening of communications they had been receiving cables from liberated internees and prisoners of war at the rate of one every 11 seconds. The total now exceeded 54,000. — Reuter.

Tragic News For Some: Reunions In Empress

MANY HONG KONG PRISONERS-OF-WAR WHO WERE SENT TO JAPAN HAVE ARRIVED IN MANILA. THIS WAS REVEALED MORE FULLY YESTERDAY WHEN MAIL FROM THE "EMPEROR OF AUSTRALIA" ARRIVED AND WAS DISTRIBUTED. IN A LETTER DATED THE 14TH THE WRITER SAYS THEY ARRIVED IN MANILA ON THE 12TH AND THEY WERE UNAWARE OF WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO WHEN THEY LEFT THE PHILIPPINES.

The writer goes on, "Last night at midnight about eight Hong Kong released prisoners from Japan arrived on board. It was announced through the loudspeakers—everyone was in bed, but there was an immediate rush on deck and had terrible news for Hilda Angus. George died last January. Mrs. Rossett, Betty Brown, Babs Edwards, and Mrs. May White were among the lucky ones who sat up with their husbands all night. They have to return to-day—they only broke camp last night. ONLY STANLEYITES LEFT. "Incidentally, we have only Stanley folk left on board. All the Volunteers, Canadians, etc. were taken off here except those with wives and families on board. "We are in a 12-berth cabin but it's really not too bad, and considering that it's been a complete lottery, no discrimination at all, we've been quite lucky. The meals are lovely, though I do miss my amah's lav and shower! "We've been told that we're waiting for a signal from Admiral Fraser as to where we're to go from here, but I shan't mind if it's held up a while now that things have begun to happen. VOLUNTEERS FLYING

"They're flying the men from Okinawa, very uncomfortably, because they have to travel in the part where the bombs are supposed to be. Several have already left on hospital ships including Mrs. Dyer's husband and Winifred White and Mrs. Hillon's. "The fellows came on board dressed in 'gobs' clothes complete with hat. They say the American Red Cross is being wonderful to them, bless them, and they're being outfitted in Nylon! I believe they're being taken to Australia, so we'll be seeing you."

LATER MESSAGE

The letter of the 17th reads: "Here we are still in Manila harbour and likely to be for another couple of days, then we proceed to Singapore, where we disembark people not bound for the U.K. Before one can go to Australia one must have relations. "All the Canadians, R.N.V.R. and all military including Volunteers (not having wives or families on board) disembarked here and are in a camp about 15 miles out of Manila. No women were allowed ashore. Manila is badly damaged. We went alongside to put the troops off so could see a little of the damage."

STIRRING SIGHT

"It was a stirring sight. All ambulances were lined up for sick cases, buses for the men, then the band came along and played popular music, and when they played the National Anthem, where everyone joined in, many eyes were wet. I know mine were. "Do you know there are 1,300 ships in this harbour, never will we see such an armada. Many ships are sunk, practically all Japanese. "I must tell you about the ship. Even after taking off all the troops the place is packed. The cabins are made into dormitories. In ours we have bunks for 12 people. They are in tiers, of three. We wash our own towels, make our own beds and clean up generally. Be sure you take a stool with you and a thermos flask. "The food is excellent. "Breakfast—steamed fruit, porridge, bacon and eggs, sometimes sausage and mash or boiled egg but no choice, tea or coffee, lovely rolls, butter and marmalade. "Lunch—Soup, meat and vegetables, potatoes, pudding, rolls and butter, cheese, tea or coffee. "Dinner is just the same as lunch."

"We have had chicken. There are two canteens where one can buy biscuits, lemonade, combi shan-poo powders, talcum powder and lots of other things, homelike prices, cigarettes are very cheap. We get issues now and again. "Talking of issues we had an issue of towels, face cloths, soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste and second-hand clothes. Really, I felt ashamed of some of the women. They fought for the things, just like a jumble sale. "Have you heard George Angus is gone, so also is Poppy Crabbe's husband. It is so sad. "TERRIBLE STATE "The men who have come in from Formosa are in a terrible state, just skin and bone. The tales we are hearing are very bad—these fiends ought to be dealt with in the same way. "The 'Maungani' came in two days ago to take on more sick. I had a note from Walter Key and he is much better. Mr. Kelvin Stark has put on 10 lbs. already. I hear they were all well treated, everything of the best."

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SPLENDID LEAD

LONDON, SEPT. 26. BOURNEMOUTH TO-DAY DECIDED UPON THE FORM ITS WAR MEMORIAL IS TO TAKE.

The town is going to build Memorial Houses on a large site set apart for the purpose to provide homes for disabled ex-Servicemen and their dependents. It was also indicated that where possible ex-Servicemen will be given priority on all Bournemouth's new housing schemes. — Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN IN EDINBURGH

London, Sept. 26. The King and Queen are visiting Edinburgh, and arrived to-day by plane. They are to attend a Big Victory Parade through Prince's Street. On their arrival, the Lord Provost in accordance with ancient custom handed over the keys of the city to His Majesty. The R.A.F. provided a guard of honour. — Reuter.

Some Servicemen To Be Home By Xmas

OWING TO BAD FLYING CONDITIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KUNMING, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR, MR. J. J. LAWSON, DID NOT LEAVE ON HIS RETURN JOURNEY TO SINGAPORE YESTERDAY.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT HIS PLANE WILL TAKE OFF FROM KAI TAK EARLY THIS MORNING.

During his stay in the Colony, Mr. Lawson assured members of the Services that their groupings in the general demobilisation scheme would not be jeopardised by the needs of the situation in the Far East.

He said that everything possible would be done to get men due and overdue for demobilisation home in time for Christmas.

There was no question of the men at home getting any advantage. The Bevin Scheme would be carried through wherever the men concerned

TRAMS MAY RESUME ON SATURDAY

The "China Mail" understands that it is now expected that the Hong Kong Electric Company's North Point installation will be ready to function on Saturday. That will be the signal for the tramways to resume service.

TROOPSHIP TRAGEDY FEARED

CANBERRA, SEPT. 26. — THERE IS GRAVE REASON TO FEAR THAT THE POSSIBLE LOSS AT SEA OF A JAPANESE TROOPSHIP CARRYING BETWEEN 700 AND 1,000 AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN 1942 MAY EXPLAIN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN GARRISON FORCES AT RABAU.

Mr. Forde, the Australian Minister for War, made this grim announcement at Canberra to-day, saying that the military authorities and the Commonwealth Government held great fears that this had happened.

Efforts to trace the men of the garrison have not been abandoned, but officers with the units have stated that between 700 and 1,000 men were sent from Rabaul by ship early in 1942 and that it was rumoured that their destination was Hainan.

All efforts to trace their movements have failed and it is feared the vessel failed to reach its destination. — Reuter.

A FRUITY PROBLEM

London, Sept. 26. — A problem is being presented by the organisations set up in England to provide occupations for ex-Servicemen. After the last war, those with business instincts all wanted to be publicans or tobacconists. Now, the demand is, for some unknown reason, greengrocers' shops. If the applicants were all satisfied, every other shop would be a greengrocer's! — Reuter.

Washington, Sept. 26. — The Senate to-day confirmed the appointment of Robert F. Patterson to succeed Col. Henry Stimson as Secretary of War. Col. H. L. Stimson recently resigned. — Associated Press.

N.F.I. INDEPENDENCE BID

Swift Action By Mountbatten

SINGAPORE, SEPT. 26.—FOLLOWING THE ATTEMPT OF DR. SOEKARNO TO PROCLAIM AN INDONESIAN REPUBLIC, ADMIRAL LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN HAS INSTRUCTED THE JAPANESE IN JAVA NOT TO HAND OVER TO ANY INDONESIAN FACTION. IT IS POINTED OUT THAT WITH SUDDENLY EXPANDED COMMITMENTS, LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN WAS UNABLE TO SPREAD HIS FORCES OVER ALL THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AND THE JAPANESE ARE STILL IN CONTROL IN JAVA, THOUGH THERE IS A BRITISH FORCE OF 200 OFFICERS AND MEN IN BATAVIA.

The occupation of Java by SEAC was undertaken because of transport difficulties, the Netherlands Government was unable to send troops there, and troops from the Admiral's command were due to arrive in Batavia on October 4.

Correspondents in Batavia say that though the town remains relatively quiet, there is increasing agitation and demonstrations in favour of independence for Java.

The movement is likely to grow in volume while occupation is delayed. An official spokesman of the Netherlands Government in Batavia told correspondents that the chief figure in the revolt, Dr. Soekarno, was a sincere nationalist, but he had allowed himself to be led into cooperation with the Japanese and had set up a puppet government.

"FASCIST" The Netherlands Government would refuse to treat with the members of the so-called Soekarno Government as it was copied from Germany and Japan and was Fascist in character.

The Dutch proposed to establish a democratic government after the Allied occupation. All Indonesians would share in the elections and he believed that 80 per cent of Indonesians would freely accept a government on the lines planned.

Dr. Soekarno, in an interview, said he was not an anti-white. He is seeking independence from the Dutch Colonial Administration and he is hoping to persuade Lord Louis Mountbatten to bring the issue before the Peace Conference of the United Nations.

SHIPPING STRIKE

Montreal, 11 Dutch ships are held up in Brisbane by the strike of Indonesian crews and the refusal of dock workers to handle the ships. The dock workers said that if any attempt was made to work them by "blackleg" labour the whole dockside would be declared "black."

In Melbourne, where the "Karsik" is similarly stalled, the Indonesian crew made the suggestion that if the crates were opened up arms would be found in them. They claim both in Brisbane and Melbourne that they have struck because they are not intending to carry arms for use against their countrymen. — Reuter.

KEEPING CLEAR

Canberra, Sept. 26. — The Australian Prime Minister indicated to-day that the Federal Government is keeping clear of the dispute which is holding Dutch ships, destined for the Netherlands East Indies, in Australian ports.

The trouble arose, he said, when Indonesians refused to load the ships, expressing fear that they carried supplies to be used to thwart efforts to establish a national government in the East Indies. — Associated Press.

Ladies Shy

LONDON, SEPT. 26.—BRITAIN'S WOMEN DO NOT SEEM ANXIOUS TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF PRIORITY LABELS, ENTITLING THEM TO JUMP TO THE HEAD OF ANY QUEUE.

The scheme is for pregnant mothers and is intended to save them waiting, but in a typical city such as Glasgow, where 10,000 women are entitled to priority, the issuing centre stayed open for ten hours to-day and dealt with 60 applications. — Reuter.

SPRING CLEANING

TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT LABOURERS WERE KEPT BUSY THROUGHOUT THE DAY YESTERDAY IN THE STREET-CLEANING AND THE RUBBISH REMOVAL CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

The work is being supervised by the Chinese Advisory Committee of fifty local Chinese residents who are co-operating with the Civil Affairs Administration through three sub-committees to advise on measures for the forthcoming victory celebration, the question of rents and tenancy, and problems of public relief.

The street-cleaning campaign was conducted under the direct supervision of 1,810 foremen, and inspectors, directly responsible to the various district committees.

The sub-committee to advise on victory celebrations have agreed in their report to the Civil Affairs Administration, the contents of which are now under consideration.

A Plea For India

LONDON, SEPT. 26. — C. RAM SINGH, EDITOR OF THE "VANGUARD DAILY" IN A LETTER TO THE "LONDON TIMES" SAYS THAT THE REAL ISSUE IN INDIAN POLITICS IS AN ACCORD BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE MUSLIM LEAGUE.

"But need the absence of accord between two mutually exclusive organisations be the excuse for the British Government to refuse two alternative methods?" adds Singh. "Indian politics have to be salvaged from the stultifying mire of communism of all sorts. A provisional government, drawn from all willing and democratic elements committed to a programme of economic and industrial democracy, and charged with the task of convening a constitutional assembly on the basis of a universal franchise, seems to be the only way out."

"All else is, and has been, like pouring water into a sieve." — Reuter.

FOOD PRICES

Prevailing food prices may be judged on the following quotations submitted to the Fleet yesterday.

Crab	\$2.75 per lb.
Fish (cleaned)	2.50
Lobsters	5.75
Chicken (cleaned)	19.20
Duck	15.60
Beef steak	3.30
Beef for roasting	3.30
Rump beef	3.30
Filet of beef	3.30
Ox tongue	2.80
Ox liver	3.80
Ox kidney	2.30 each
Ox brain	1.20
Marrow bone	0.50
Beef suet	3.30 per lb.

London, Sept. 26. — A statement issued by the Yugoslavian Embassy says that the greater part of Trieste should become a free port under international administration, but that the internationalisation of the town itself would be unacceptable to Yugoslavia as it is situated in a part of the territory occupied by Yugoslavs. — Reuter.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST OFFICE
NOTICE

On Friday, 28th September, 1945, the present free local postal service will be discontinued, and all letters and postcards posted after 10 a.m. on that date must be properly stamped in accordance with the rates set out below.

Deliveries will be at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to the following districts only: Central District, Wanchai, Sai Ying Pun, Shau Ki Wan, Tsai Sha Tsui, Yau Ma Tei, Shamshuipo, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon City, Mongkok and Hung Hom.

Mail should be posted at the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office only.

Letters for local postage will, as from 28th September, 1945, be as follows:

Letters: 5 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.

The limit of weight is 4 lbs.

The limits of size are:

Two feet in length, 18th inches in width and 18th inches in depth, or if made up in a form of a roll, 3 feet 3 inches for the length and twice the diameter combined, and 2 feet 8 inches for the greatest dimension.

Postcards: 2 cents.

No card may exceed 5 7/8 inches in length by 4 1/8 inches in width or be less than 4 inches in length by 2 3/4 inches in width.

The material for private cards to be used as postcards must be ordinary cardboard or paper not less than one-hundredth of an inch thick, and not more flexible than the postcards issued and sold by the Post Office.

The General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open to the public for the sale of stamps from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily as from 28th September, 1945.

Members of the public are reminded that there is as yet no postal service to any destination outside the Colony, and no mail addressed to such destination can at present be accepted.

POST OFFICE
NOTICE

All persons who have recently posted mail addressed to Macao are requested to call at the General Post Office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, 28th September, 1945.

A further notice regarding mail to Macao generally will be issued shortly.

J. B. H. LEE,

Acting Postmaster-General.

September 26th, 1945.

NOTICE

The following Mail is lying unclaimed at the Offices of the International Red Cross (Exchange Building, 2nd floor):—

AMY, Mrs. Ethel

ASKHAM, G.W.

BLANK, Dr. Joseph

CARR, G.W.

CHAMBERS, Susan St. Leger

CROFT, Mrs. A.R.

ECHOLS, Mr. Edward

ELLAM, J.C.

DREWERY, Mrs. J.

FLANAGAN, Mrs. Dorothea

Woulfe

GILMOUR, Mr. G.J.

HORNSEY, Stc. Petty Officer

W.M.

HUTCHINSON, Miss

Dorothy

KELLEY, Ernest J.

MACBETH, Doctor R.I.

MACGREGOR, Mrs. David

MAGEEN, Rev. Daniel

MCDOLAND, Mrs. J.

MCCRATH, C.F.

PATEL, Mrs. J.N.

PESTER, Ldg. Writer V.A.

(H.M.S. Peterel)

PIERES, Miss Josephine

ROBB, D.S.

SAMUEL, The Hon. Philip

SPEIGHT, William

TURNER, Mrs. B.

WARE, Dr. T.W.

WINSON, Miss or Mrs. Ann

Long Foot

WU, Miss Beryl

YOUNG, Mr. Len

Hongkong, 24th September, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY
ADMINISTRATION
HONGKONGTHE CUSTODIAN PRO-
CLAMATION No. 10 OF 1945TRADING WITH THE ENEMY
ORDINANCE 1914

ENEMY PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under the above mentioned Proclamation 1, REGINALD ANDREW WICKERSON, Acting Custodian of Property hereby require as follows:

1. Every person who has under his control or management any property in Hong Kong, Kowloon or the New Territories, real or personal (including any rights whether legal or equitable in or arising out of property real or personal) belonging to or in which the Japanese Naval Military or Civil Authorities or any Japanese, Formosan (Taiwanese), Korean or other Japanese National, firm or corporation now has or at any time since the 25th December, 1941, had any interest whatsoever shall furnish full particulars to me in writing at my office at 2nd Floor, Mercantile Bank Building, Queen's Road, Hong Kong the particulars specified in the SCHEDULE hereto, together with a list of the documents of title (if any) and/or how ownership, is claimed or possession derived.

2. Every Company incorporated in the Colony and every company which, though not incorporated in the Colony, has a share registration office in the Colony shall, by notice in writing, communicate to me at my office aforesaid, full particulars of all shares, stock, debentures and debenture stock and other obligations of the Company which are held by or for the benefit of an enemy, and every partner of every firm, one or more partners of which are enemies or to which money had been lent for the purpose of the business of the firm by an enemy, shall by notice in writing communicate to me at my said office full particulars as to any share in profits and interest due to such enemies or enemy.

3. AND FURTHER any person who has knowledge of the whereabouts in Hong Kong, Kowloon or the New Territories of any goods merchandise or other property whatsoever of any Japanese Naval Military or Civil Authority, Japanese, Formosan (Taiwanese), or Korean or other Japanese national, firm or corporation should give notice thereof to me in writing at the said office.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that while there is no desire or intention to seize any goods property or merchandise legitimately owned by United Nations or neutral subjects or citizens, and full opportunity will be given to prove non-enemy ownership, any person who fails to make the returns called for by this notice is liable to the penalties provided for by the aforementioned Proclamation and Ordinance.

R. A. WICKERSON,
Acting CUSTODIAN OF
PROPERTY.

Hong Kong, 21st September, 1945.

The schedule referred to above is divided into five columns—1. Declarant, Name, Address Tel. No. 2. Location of property, declared. 3. Full description property and approx. value. 4. Name and present address of enemy owner. 5. Person with whom arrangements for inspection can be made.

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HONG KONGDELEGATION OF POWERS
(AMENDMENT)

PROCLAMATION No. 4

Regulation No. 1

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 3 of the above mentioned Proclamation, I, DAVID MERGER MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, hereby make the following regulations:—

PRICE CONTROL

1. No person shall save under and in accordance with a permit of Colonel (C.A.) Supplies Transport and Industry or a person delegated by him (hereinafter referred to as "the competent authority.") sell any commodity specified in the Schedule hereto at a price in excess of that specified opposite such commodity in the said Schedule.

2. The competent Authority may by notice in Hong Kong (British Military Administration) (Gazette) delete add to or vary any commodity in the Schedule or any price specified therein or may substitute a new Schedule for any Schedule from time to time in force.

3. No commodity specified in the Schedule hereto shall be sold unless there is displayed in a prominent position affixed to the receptacle containing the commodity the selling price of such commodity and the quality or kind offered for sale.

4. Any person contravening the provisions of this regulation shall upon conviction of the Standing Military Court be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to a fine or to both such imprisonment and such fine.

SCHEDULE

Commodity.	Maximum Retail price per catty.
Flour, milled from local Wheat (1st quality) - - - - -	H.K. \$2.00
Flour, milled from local Wheat (2nd quality) - - - - -	1.90
Peanut Oil (1st quality) - - - - -	4.00
Peanut Oil (2nd quality) - - - - -	3.80
Salt - - - - -	0.25
Sugar, White Granulated - - - - -	2.55
Sugar, Yellow - - - - -	1.40
Sugar, Blab - - - - -	2.15
Bread - - - - -	4.00 per lb.

Given under my hand at Hong Kong this 26th day of September, 1945.

D. M. MACDOUGALL,
Brigadier,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

NOTICE

PRICE CONTROL

1. The attention of the public is called to Regulation No. 1 (Price Control) issued under the Delegation of Powers Amendment Proclamation, whereby it is forbidden to sell certain commodities at prices in excess of those specified.

2. The public are reminded that although no provision for forfeiture is made in the regulation itself this power is given to the Standing Military Court by Article 12 of the Military Court Proclamation (Proclamation No. 6).

3. All measures of price control, however, depend for their success upon public co-operation and it is hoped that members of the public will call the attention of Colonel (C.A.) Supplies Transport and Industry and the Police to any infringement of the regulation or other subsequent measures to enforce price control.

4. Careful consideration is being given to the question of prices but it has been felt that at the present time a start should be made with certain essential commodities.

A. BURGESS,

Colonel (C.A.)

Supplies Transport and Industry,

Hong Kong, 25th September, 1945.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Salesian Fathers in Hong Kong have in the Colony three charitable institutions, the Aberdeen Industrial School, the St. Louis Industrial School at West Point and the Salesian Orphanage at Shauiwan. During the last three years and eight months of war these institutions received continual and efficacious help from the proprietor of the Tiger Balm Factory, Mr. Aw Boon Haw, the well-known philanthropist. He gave rice, beans, sugar, clothing and money for the orphans and, without his help, the three above-named institutions would not have been able to carry on.

To-day we wish to thank Mr. Aw Boon Haw for all he has done for us throughout the war-time period.

THE SALESIAN FATHERS
IN HONG KONG.

MONEY SHORTAGES

It looks as though it will be necessary, every now and again, to remind Government that there are many members of the community who are not Government servants. The people of this Colony have reluctantly accepted the dictum that it will be a long time before a serious step can be made towards "business as usual." While feeling is strong that a deliberate policy of commercial paralysis, an attempt to freeze trade in the interests of those proceeding home for a much-needed rest-cure, would be a disastrous experiment certain to be detrimental to the Colony's welfare and ability to pull itself together, it is also felt that events will probably so shape themselves as to render any such action unnecessary. There is, too, full realization that restoration of ordinary banking facilities is impossible now, or even in the immediate future. Nevertheless, restrictions and controls should affect all sections of the community equally, and numerous protests have reached this office suggesting that this elementary rule is not being observed. At the moment, Government alone has free access to funds. While this privilege is exercised solely in connection with the heavy task of getting the Colony going, there can be no complaint. It is suggested, however, that while the banks politely but firmly refuse to pay cash over the counter to clients who have large amounts to their credit in current account, for ordinary out of pocket expenses beyond the initial \$200 officially authorized, a number of Government servants (proceeding on leave) have received considerable sums with which they have indulged in a sort of spending spree. What the true facts are is not clear. What is beyond doubt is that numerous individuals, not Government servants, have exhausted the original grant-in-aid and cannot obtain a further advance. It seems also to be fairly certain that Government officials have not, in all cases, been restricted to the collection of \$200. There may be good reasons for exceptions to the general rule, if they genuinely come within the category of exceptions. But that as it may, it seems logical enough to argue for review. New facilities of some kind are required. They may consist merely in authority to the bank to pay to customers with cash credits, small fixed sums at stated intervals. As long as positive action is taken, public opinion will be appeased.

BRITON.

Spanish Royalist
Idea of Things

LONDON, SEPT. 26.—ACCORDING TO REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT IN SPAIN, GENERAL KINDELAN, COMMENTING ON THE MILITARY CRISIS IN THAT COUNTRY, YESTERDAY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT WAS NOT PROBABLE.

A MONARCHIST RESTORATION, DESIRED BY 90 PER CENT. OF THE POPULATION, HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED BY SEVERAL MINISTERS AND PROMISED BY GENERAL FRANCO, HE SAID. THEREFORE WHY VIOLENTLY INTRODUCE WHAT WAS ABOUT TO COME PEACEFULLY ALONG JURIDICAL CHANNELS, HE ASKED.

General Kindelan emphatically does not consider a Republican solution to the present Spanish problem, and said that "any government formed by exiled Spaniards would be unanimously rejected, not only by Right-Wingers but also by the Left Wing party who bear a deep grudge against the leaders who forsook them at the time of defeat and fled abroad."

Alternatives to a monarchy or republic do not exist as a successor to the Franco regime. Rather, the alternatives are monarchy or civil war. The whole of the army and millions of Spaniards would fight against the exiles. "The summary shooting and assassination during the Republican regime are too recent to be forgotten, and we Spaniards believe that two thorough experiments of the Republican regime are sufficient proof that this form of Government is not suitable for Spain."

DON JUAN'S AGENT
General Kindelan was relieved of his post as director of the highest military college in Spain last August. Though no reason was given, it was generally supposed it was because he was a leading monarchist and acting as the representative of Don Juan within Spain, since the agent appointed by the Pretender, Prince Alfonso of Orleans Bourbon, had been under house arrest for several months.

Reuter adds that this is the first clear, authoritative statement made by anyone of consequence inside Spain as to what may happen to the Franco regime since the Potsdam Conference decision not to consider any application put forward by the present Spanish government for membership in the United Nations circle. — Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE

FAIR PLAY

Sir,—Before you read any further don't get me wrong. All I would like to see is fair play. This afternoon I happened to see a party of Japanese prisoners-of-war returning to some fatigue work on the island. They were under two guards and were followed by a dozen street urchins who were occasionally throwing stones at them. When they eventually reached the pier, almost running to keep up with the long stride of one of the guards, the urchins put up quite a barrage of stones. This surely should be stopped, forcibly if necessary. The two guards had 30 odd men to look after and they could not leave them to deal with the urchins. The answer appears to be the use of a truck and incidents such as this would thus be avoided.

BRITON.

SYMPATHY PLEA

Tokyo, Sept. 26.—Prince Takamatsu, a brother of Emperor Hirohito, pleaded to-day for American sympathy "toward the Japanese people in their sincere endeavour for peace. Japan should regain her rightful place in the comity of nations by stabilizing her nationalists and inaugurating a healthy society." Associated Press.

"THE FATE OF CHINA"

A new book by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, "The Fate of China," giving the Generalissimo's ideas on a plan to be followed for the reconstruction of China, is being despatched to Hong Kong. The first copies, in Chinese, are to be sold at the offices of the Chinese Young Men's Association, Bank of China Building, 11th floor.

All prisoners-of-war and internees in Hong Kong have now been issued with comfort parcels from the Australian Red Cross.

SPANISH
EXILES'
RALLY

NEW YORK, SEPT. 26.—M. NOVIKOV, ACTING SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, YESTERDAY CALLED GENERAL FRANCISCO FRANCO A "HIRELING OF HITLER AND MUSSOLINI" AND DECLARED THAT HE SHOULD BE PROSECUTED AS A WAR CRIMINAL.

M. Novikov, who was speaking at a mass rally in a "salute to Spanish Republicans" said that "by his aggressive actions against the Soviet Union, General Franco put himself on the same level with Hitler and Mussolini, and in the same measure as they should be subject to prosecution as a war criminal."

He continued that "the regime of Fascist dictatorship in Spain will be abolished." Nowhere in the world would the re-establishment of democracy in Spain be more welcome than in the Soviet Union. M. Novikov declared.

"FRANCO TERROR"

Dr. Juan Negrin, former Premier of Spain, sent a message to the rally from Mexico, stating that "as long as the Fascist regime survives in Spain, the danger of resurgence of Fascism in Europe and Spanish-speaking America will hang over us."

From Toulouse, Senora Dolores Ibarruri, Spain's Republican woman leader, sent a plea to "put an end to the Franco terror" and asking all democratic governments to break off diplomatic relations with Franco-Spain. — Reuter.

Hirohito
Grants
Interview

NEW YORK, SEPT. 26.—A "NEW YORK TIMES" CORRESPONDENT REPORTED FROM TOKYO TO-DAY THAT HE HAD HELD THE FIRST INTERVIEW WITH EMPEROR HIROHITO AND THE EMPEROR HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD EXPECTED PREMIER TOJO IN 1941 TO USE THE IMPERIAL RESCRIPT FOR A DECLARATION OF WAR ON THE UNITED STATES IN THE USUAL FORMAL MANNER BUT NOT FOR A SNEAK ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR.

The Emperor told Correspondent Frank Kuchukhn he opposed war as an instrument of policy and was pledged to any social changes in Japan that could be made by constitutional means.

He said food and housing are Japan's paramount problems, and that once the Japanese are fed and clothed it will be comparatively easy to effect the needed reforms, which the Emperor said he believed would promote world peace.

The Emperor said it was his earnest desire that the necessary changes be effected in conformance with the general will of the people, expressed through constitutional procedure. — Associated Press.

MACAO
PROBLEM

H.K.V.D.C. personnel now on leave in Macao will be returning to Hong Kong to-day.

Owing to various difficulties, it will not be possible to bring back any of their families for the time being.

Every effort is however being made to return these families to Hong Kong, and as soon as preparations can be completed, such return will be arranged. All concerned are asked to have patience in the knowledge that everything possible is being done.

Mails or cables are waiting at Volunteer Headquarters for: Mr. C. Hill, Major V. C. Branson, Capt. K. M. A. Barnett, 2nd Lt. W. Stoker, Pte. G. A. Arnold, Mr. Thomas S. McKenna, Mr. C. E. L. Johnson, Mrs. Lillian Shaw, and Miss Minnie Maxwell.

King Christian of Denmark was 75 yesterday and the occasion was made one of special celebration in Copenhagen. — Reuter.

TWICE 21.

Two of the four sub-lieutenants assisting the Australian Red Cross unit in King's Building celebrated their 21st birthdays this week. They are: Sub-Lieut. Attenburrow and Sub-Lieut. Hodgson of His Majesty's light Fleet carrier "Vengeance."

STREET CLASHES IN SAIGON

Rioting Resumed Yesterday

SAIGON, SEPT. 26.—SEVERAL ANNAMITES HAVE BEEN WOUNDED IN THE CLASHES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN SAIGON SINCE THE FRENCH RELEASED PRISONERS OF WAR TOOK MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS, AND A 9 O'CLOCK CURFEW HAS NOW BEEN IMPOSED.

MAJOR GENERAL GRACEY SAID 600 ADDITIONAL BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS HAVE NOW ARRIVED BY PLANE AND HAVE LAUNCHED A HOUSE-BY-HOUSE SEARCH FOR WEAPONS AND ARE CLEARING BARRIERS FROM THE MAIN BOULEVARD AND HIGHWAYS TO ENABLE FRESH FOODSTUFFS TO ENTER THE CITY. MARKETS HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS.

Correspondents were informed that Japanese troops in southern Indo-China still are armed and guarding allied property. An officer said: "Actually the Japanese still have the most powerful force here. They are in charge and could clear out the Allied forces in one

night. But their behaviour is excellent and they are abiding by the surrender terms."

Former Allied war prisoners have been armed to supplement General Gracey's meagre force.

A French division is due to arrive soon from Marseilles. The Japanese are guarding American property.

Annamites largely have been ousted from government offices and replaced by French.

VIET MIN REJECTED

Chungking French sources said the Viet Min (United Annam Revolutionaries' Government) is attempting unsuccessfully to initiate negotiations with the French government to determine Viet Min's future.

France declined on the ground that the group represented a small fraction of the population, and brought into power by the Japanese who armed the Viet Min militia. They described the official French attitude as holding the Viet Min to be unconstitutional and a Japanese puppet organization.

The returning French administration will give the Annamites a chance to choose their form of government in compliance with democratic principles.—Associated Press.

FRESH OUTBREAK

SINGAPORE, SEPT. 26.—MESSAGES FROM SAIGON STATE THAT THE FRENCH HAVE TAKEN CHARGE OF MOST OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS IN SAIGON.

More clashes are, however, going on in the northern suburbs of the city between Annamite nationalists and the French "revival" forces.

British occupation troops, though on guard, have not taken part in the clashes, neither interfering with native demonstrations, nor making any move to assist the French.—Reuter.

Later.—After a lull of nearly 24 hours, rioting broke out in Saigon this afternoon on a larger scale, but the situation is being brought under control.—Reuter.

WAR MEDALS

Paris, Sept. 26. Two medals, created to honour Indo-Chinese (Annamite) workers employed in France or North Africa during the war, was announced yesterday by the Ministry of Colonies, in a special decree.

The first will be awarded to all workers who spent at least one year in France or North Africa, and, posthumously to all workers who died there.

The second will be the reward to all Indo-Chinese workers who distinguished themselves in France by work or good behaviour.—Reuter.

PENNY A WEEK FUND

There were times in Stanley when some thought Great Britain was not doing all it could for us. For these we would point out that soon after the war broke out a "Penny a week" fund was launched throughout the British Isles for the maintenance of Allied prisoners-of-war. Many gave very much more than a penny and huge sums were collected and distributed through the various Red Cross organizations, and it is estimated that of the total Red Cross funds for prisoners-of-war Great Britain contributed sixty per cent.

FILIPINOS NEED AID

Manila, Sept. 26.—President Osmena left by plane to-day for the United States "to present problems and needs of the Philippines personally in Washington." "We Filipinos sustained the greatest loss among all American nationals during the war and we urgently need help."—Associated Press.

Enrolled As A Buck Private

DEFINITE NEWS HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF CPL. ALEXANDER V. KOLATCHOFF, OF 930 ENGINEER AVIATION REGIMENT, U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE, WHO WRITES FROM LUCHOW.

Corporal Kolatchoff, a Hong Kong University graduate, holds the record, shared by some former Chinese employees of the Royal Naval Dockyard, of having served in both the British and American forces.

He was, for almost a year prior to the Japanese attack on Hong Kong, in the service of the Royal Engineers as a works inspector. During the hostilities here he was attached to the regular R.E. forces with the rank of Staff-Sergeant and saw active service at Lyceum with the Canadians and in the Mount Davis area.

He was instrumental, through detailed mapping knowledge of the labyrinth of Chinese pathways in the Pokfulam area in guiding back to town on the night of December 24-25 a rear-guard unit of the H.K.V.D.C. who had been partially surrounded.

On December 26, he received official sanction to abandon uniform and seek his way out of Hong Kong as best he could.

BOGUS LETTER

Lack of sufficient Cantonese and the danger of falling foul of a Japanese patrol necessitated careful planning and an exit was finally made possible by a bogus letter posted from an obliging Chinese at Kwangchowwan requesting his services with the Public Works Office at Fort Bayard.

Permit to leave for Kwangchowwan was granted by the Gendarmerie after several applications had been put in on the occasion of new Gendarmerie reshuffles. He left by boat toward the end of September 1942 in company with two Jesuit fathers.

He arrived at Kweilin on October 25, 1942, in the midst of a Japanese air-raid. Hong Kong was bombed for the first time by the U.S. Air Force on the same day.

He immediately reported to the British Military Mission, but found his first job with two other Russian escapees from Hong Kong, Valesak, a radio-technician, and Souranoff, of the Hong Kong Police, with the Special Ordnance Section of the United States Army.

TOUGH GOING

He describes working conditions in April 1943: "We worked on a project with a handful of Chinese for about three months." Salary was just sufficient to keep body and soul together. Everything was so dastardly expensive. We could not even buy a pair of shoes to replace those we had worn out while carrying out reconnaissance survey of the Kweilin area. Rain, mud, leeches and the heat of the sun almost drove me crazy. We were living in tents miles from town and with no transportation at all."

In July 1943, the British Army Aid Group recommended him to Gen. Stilwell's attention on an American request for technical staff and he was enrolled as a "Buck Private" with the U.S. A.A.F.

Col. L. T. Ride, a professor in the school of medicine at Hong Kong University, offered him the alternative of the Officer's Candidate School at Calcutta or a start from the ranks under Gen. Stilwell. Here is an extract from the letter:

"Am writing this from memory with all-clothes off here at Luchow sweating out a possible transfer to Shanghai. I will probably be discharged there."

"We were on the road to Tanchung when received news at Ma Chung Ping of the Jap proposal to surrender. I felt elated and at the same time miserable, for we were miles away from the coast with destination unknown."

You cannot keep these lawn bowlers down. They cannot play locally at the moment but there is already a movement afoot to secure the names of interested bowlers with a view to playing in England during the enforced leave. The name of the secretary and his home address will be announced shortly in these columns.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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September 25th, 1945.

NOTICE

MR. CHAN KWAN PO is acting temporarily as Secretary of the University of Hong Kong. All letters should be addressed to him at the University, Pokfulam. Telephone 28056.

S. V. BOXER, Registrar, Hong Kong University.

NOTICE

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG MILITARY COURTS PROCLAMATION NO. 8 ARTICLE 5

I, DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, hereby appoint: LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO to be Vice-President and FERDINAND GERALD NIGEL, Lieut., H.K.V.D.C. and

KWAN CHO YIU to be Members of the Standing Military Court ARTICLE 8

and I, hereby authorize each of them the said

LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO and FERDINAND GERALD NIGEL to hold a Summary Military Court Class I, sitting alone and the said KWAN CHO YIU to hold a Summary Military Court Class II, sitting alone.

D. M. MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer. 23rd September, 1945.

NOTICE

HEADQUARTERS, BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

Will any person having any knowledge of the circumstances under which Captain Jowall and six others were killed at Aberdeen in a tug in December 1941 please communicate with Major J. C. Riddell, China Command H.Q.

Information is particularly required as to the date of death and the place of burial.

J. C. RIDDELL, MAJOR, D.A.A.G., H.Q., LAND FORCES.

NOTICE

We have acquired temporary accommodation on the 4th Floor of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, c/o Messrs Johnson, Stokes & Master.

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PROCLAMATION No. 10, ARTICLE 3 APPOINTMENT

In exercise of the power conferred upon me by Article 3 of the above-mentioned Proclamation, I, DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Hong Kong, HEREBY APPOINT REGINALD ANDREW WICKERSON to be Assistant Custodian of Property in the Colony of Hong Kong and to be acting Custodian of Property.

Dated this 21st day of September, 1945.

D. M. MacDougall, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

NOTICE

We have resumed practice at our old offices, Exchange Building, 1st Floor. Telephone No. 32792.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Chartered Accountants.

25th September, 1945.

NOTICE

I have reopened my Office in Room No. 280, Prince's Building, Telephone No. 31136.

M. Nomazoo.

Patience Heavily Taxed

THE "CARETAKER" OFFICIALS AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE-GENERAL IN HONG KONG ARE BEING INUNDATED.

Inundated with enquiries and requests upon trifling matters, which can very well be left until things are more normal.

Patient officials have at last protested. Captain Charles Fenn, USMC, told the "China Mail" yesterday.

"I believe it is not sufficient realised in Hong Kong that the whole world is still standing on its head following the terrible war that has so recently been concluded.

Compared with most other places I have been to, Hong Kong is a paradise with conditions far more stable, far more agreeable, and far more promising than in other war areas.

I do not say that thousands of Chinese here are not hungry, badly housed and with bad sanitary conditions, but I do say that many people leaving Hong Kong will be a shock when they go to other places, particularly Europe or China, and find what war really can do to thousands and thousands of square miles and to millions and millions of people.

Meanwhile, people in Hong Kong might give a little thought to the simple fact that millions of American, British and other Allied troops have risked their lives that Hong Kong and other places might be delivered from the enemy, and to the further fact that these millions are still waiting to get home to their loved ones.

"If you wish you may quote me."

Long Trip To Save Dollars

LONDON, SEPT. 26.

TO AVOID USING THE PANAMA CANAL, DUES FOR WHICH HAVE TO BE PAID IN DOLLARS, THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT LAST NIGHT ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS ALTERING ROUTES OF SHIPS SAILING FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO BRITAIN.

Ships from New Zealand will, in future, normally travel via Cape Horn although in certain cases they may be routed via Suez.

In the case of ships from Australia, coal-burners will sail via the Cape of Good Hope and oil-burners via Suez. The Canal dues on shipping between Britain and New Zealand, via the Panama Canal, have been paid in dollar currency at the rate of nearly £300,000 per year.

The route from New Zealand to Britain, via Cape Horn, which shipping will now take, is 1000 miles longer than the route via the Panama Canal.—Reuter.

TRIBUTE TO HALSEY

Washington, Sept. 26.—A proposal was made in the House today that Admiral William Halsey's flagship, the U.S.S. Enterprise, be made a national shrine to commemorate the fighting spirit of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific and European wars.

It was agreed that the ship be put in a class with the old frigates, "Constitution."

"Enterprise" fought in the Pacific throughout the war with Japan, surviving the dark days when every other major carrier was out of action. It escorted the carrier "Hornet," from which General Douglas's air raiders took off for the 1942 raid on Japan.—Associated Press.

LEE WAI TONG

According to information received by Charles Ying, Secretary, South China Athletic Association, Lee Wai Tong, the Chinese football idol, and secretary of the Swedish Trading Co., is now secretary to Lee Kwak-chun, Chief of Police, Canton.

He was here when Hong Kong was occupied by the Japanese, but managed to get away. He finally joined General Hong Don Ping, the C-in-C of the Guerilla Troops in the East River District.

Rangoon, Sept. 26.—The disarming of Japanese in Burma has begun. Two divisions will be disarmed in the next two days.—Reuter.

SOVIET'S LATEST DEMAND Blunt Rejoinder By U.S. Secretary Of State

Uneasy Situation Developing

LONDON, SEPT. 26.—MR. BYRNES, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, DECLARED BLUNTLY TO-DAY THAT HE HAD NOT COME FROM WASHINGTON BRIEFED TO DISCUSS AN ALLIED COMMISSION FOR JAPAN. HE MADE THIS COMMENT AFTER RUSSIA HAD SPRUNG ANOTHER MAJOR SURPRISE AT THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS BY SUDDENLY RAISING MATTERS OF FAR EASTERN INTEREST.

FOLLOWING HIS REVELATION, LAST WEEK, OF RUSSIAN AIMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER, M. VIACHESLAV MOLOTOV, IS NOW UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TAKEN UP QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE NATURE OF JOINT ALLIED CONTROL OF JAPAN.

The Soviet move is all the more unexpected since no Far Eastern questions had hitherto been listed, either in the Potsdam agenda for the Council or in the working agenda established at the beginning of the Council's meetings.

It is understood, writes Sylvian Mangot, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, that no final decision has yet been reached as to whether the Japanese question should be discussed during the present sessions, but if the matter does come up it will be difficult to see how the rumours of the impending departures of the Ministers from London can be correct.

NO DECISION ON ADJOURNMENT

So far, it is authoritatively learned that no decision on the date of departure of the ministers has been taken, despite reports from Paris that the Ministers would leave London to-day, leaving their deputies to carry on.

One explanation offered for the sudden raising of the Soviet delegation of the decree of joint Allied responsibility for the control of Japan is that it is a reaction to the recent attitude of "hands off Japan" taken in some American circles.

Another is that the Russians were both surprised and disappointed at the American failure to support their claim to Tripolitania when the question of the disposal of Italian colonies was prompted by the desire for a free American hand in the Far East.

The Russians, therefore, decided to lose no time in making clear Russia's intention to stake her claim in that theatre.

"VERY DIFFICULT" The Dominion view of the present uneasy situation in London came to-day from the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, who declared that "no country can be allowed to dominate others," adding that the Allies would be hiding things from their own sight if they did not realise that the position was "very difficult at the moment." —Reuter.

FORMAL REQUEST London, Sept. 26.—The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, was reported to-day as having asked the Big Five Council of Foreign Ministers for the creation of an inter Allied Commission as part of General MacArthur's administrative machinery, giving Russia a voice in determining MacArthur's policies in Japan.

Objections to his proposal were reportedly made on the ground the conference was called only to discuss European affairs.—Associated Press.

FRITZ WIEDEMAN ARRESTED

Manila, Sept. 26.—Fritz Wiedeman, German Consul in San Francisco before the war, has been apprehended by Allied forces and is being flown to the United States under guard.

Wiedeman, who was one of Adolf Hitler's superior officers in World War I, was generally considered one of the principal Nazi representatives in the United States before the war. The report of his being in custody did not state where he was picked up.—Associated Press.

WHAT JAPAN WILL FACE

TOKYO, SEPT. 26.—GENERAL MACARTHUR DECLARED TO-DAY THAT JAPAN MIGHT BE OCCUPIED FOR MANY YEARS ALTHOUGH THE OCCUPATION FORCE WOULD BE SMALL. "UNDER FAVOURABLE CIRCUMSTANCES," HE DENIED REPORTS THAT THE OCCUPATION MIGHT END IN SIX MONTHS.

The Ministry of Agriculture announced that all but 75,000 of Japan's 1,225,000 acres of paddy fields would be plowed up for food crops. Such a step will be a heavy blow to the nation's silk production.

The "Nippon Times" reported that MacArthur had banned all films of a militaristic or ultra-nationalistic character.

Additional veteran American troops have landed at Aomori port in northern Honshu. Destroyers and cruisers covered the landing of the 81st Division, the outfit that won Angaur island in the Palau group and help win Peleliu.

Lt. General Robert Eichelberger, of the Eighth Army, which is occupying the Tokyo-Yokohama region, has announced the selection of Moatso on Iriy Bay island, for the imprisonment of Japanese war criminal prisoners.

During the war, the camp housed American prisoners of war. Eichelberger commented: "It was good enough for Americans and I think it is good enough for these Japs. We are giving it a D.D.T. insecticide treatment and that's all. (D.D.T. is a war-developed health weapon that kills flies and other insects when sprayed from airplanes.)

"I looked it over and it's not a bad place."

He said that more than a score of prisoners now held in Yokohama would be transferred to the island.—Associated Press.

SEAC ON CENSORSHIP

Singapore, Sept. 26.—The South-east Asia Command announced to-day an immediate cessation of press censorship, but brought the attention of all correspondents to the Official Secrets Act, particularly as it affects clandestine organizations.

The announcement requested that non-British correspondents conform to instructions imposed on the British press by the Official Secrets Act, the restrictions are for protection against agents who work against the allied cause.—Associated Press.

ALL IS O.K.

Long Beach, Calif., Sept. 26.—Patrick Hurley, U.S. Ambassador to China, arrived here in an army transport plane enroute to Washington and said: "I'll make my official report to the Secretary of State and President Truman. It isn't a bad report at all."

He declined to discuss the China situation except to say: "Most of the difficulty has been washed out. We will be able to get along all right." —Associated Press.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Eleven employees of Pan-American Airways who were captured on Guam and Wake Islands early in the war returned to-day to the United States. They were greeted by a 700 Pan-American employees and hundreds of others.—Associated Press.

Nanking, Sept. 26.—Chinese underground persons reported to-day that the Japanese succeeded during their years of occupation in spreading opium addiction and prostitution on a wide scale.—Associated Press.

DOCKYARD WORKERS RETURN

WITH HONG KONG SETTLING DOWN TO REHABILITATION IN REAL EARNEST, MORE OF THE PEOPLE WHO SOUGHT REFUGE IN MACAO DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION ARE RETURNING TO THE COLONY. JUNK LOADS OF RESIDENTS ARE RIVING ALMOST EVERYDAY.

Yesterday, a number of the former local staff of the Royal Naval Dockyard arrived in one of these auxiliary junks and in an interview, the "China Mail" learned that a further batch will be arriving to-day.

All speak very highly of the treatment they received from the British Consulate, and for the kind way in which the government of Macao received them.

The majority have come back "single"—wives and children have been left behind until proper housing arrangements can be made for them here, while those not required in the Colony urgently will remain in Macao until such time as Government is ready to grant permission for their return.

OFFICER ROBBED

Passing sentence of three months' hard labour at the Standing Military Court, on a hawker named Li Sheung charged with stealing a wallet containing £5.10 (Australian currency) and a U.S.\$20 note, from Comdr. Crager, H.M.S. Hermiton, Mr. Lee d'Almada, Jr., said:

"You are very fortunate that yours is the first case in which sentence is passed."

Det.-Sgt. N. Fraser told the Court that Comdr. Crager was walking along Queen's Road Central, near D'Agular Street, about 3 p.m. on Monday and defendant, with another Chinese brushed against him and took away his wallet.

Two Naval men saw the incident and arrested the defendant who, meanwhile, had passed the wallet on to an accomplice. Later defendant took a Chinese detective to a house where on a bed most of Comdr. Crager's property was recovered with the exception of the wallet and the U.S.\$20 note.

GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY

London, Sept. 26.—Indian Nationalist quarters here are arranging to celebrate Gandhi's 76th birthday on October 2. A meeting under the auspices of the India League will be held at Friends' Meeting House, with Mr. Ian Bobbie, M.P., in the chair.

Speakers at the meeting will include Mr. P. C. Bhandari, the Rev. Henry Carter, Mr. Lester Hutchinson, Dr. Maude Royden and the Imam of the Mosque at Woking.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 26.—Manchester's M.P.s met leading business men in Lancashire to-day with the object of forming closer liaison between Manchester and the House of Commons when issues affecting industry in Lancashire arise.—Reuter.

Chinese village elders in the New Territories are concerned with the present influx of refugees and are taking steps to feed them and put them to work on street-cleaning projects.—Reuter.

Melbourne, Sept. 26.—Australian troops have reached Macassar to occupy the Colaba and handle military and civil authority.—Associated Press.

NAZIS IN PROPER PLACE

Berlin, Sept. 26.—The Allied Commission has warned German business men that they may not employ known members of the Nazi Party except in the capacity of common labourers.—Reuter.

Phillips Wins Fight

LONDON, SEPT. 26.—THE BRITISH CRUISER-WEIGHT CHAMPION EDDIE PHILLIPS, MADE A SUCCESSFUL COMEBACK AFTER AN ABSENCE OF SIX YEARS WHEN, AT ALBERT HALL LAST NIGHT, HE BEAT THE SWEDISH HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, TANDBERG, ON POINTS AFTER EIGHT ROUNDS.

The winner has been promised a fight with the British heavyweight champion, Bruce Woodcock, who saw the fight and was introduced in the ring.

After a cautious start, it was soon obvious that Phillips' judgment of distance was not what it used to be, but he knew too much for the Swede. In addition he hit much harder and though he kept covering and stopping left leads, he managed to do greater damage when it came to infighting, often scoring with left and right hooks.

In the third round Phillips ran into a heavy left which opened a nasty cut in his right eye, but in the next round he jumped into action with a two-fisted attack and was undoubtedly master of the situation.

Tandberg was game but he often failed with an open glove thereby failing to score, and he was also warned three times for holding.

Towards the end Phillips put on great pressure, hitting the Swede almost at will and the referee, Jack Hart, had no hesitation in holding up Phillips' hand as the winner immediately the final gong sounded.

At the end of the fight both men looked the worse for wear, both having cut eyes. Phillips weighed in at 13½ stone, conceding exactly one stone to his opponent.—Reuter.

Germany Begins To Pay

BERLIN, SEPT. 26.—ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME IS AFFECTED BY A PROCLAMATION ISSUED TO-DAY BY THE ALLIED COMMISSION.

The main provisions require the payment by the Germans of the cost of occupation, and the control of the mass expulsion of Germans from territories outside the 1937 frontiers.

All military formations and organisations including the General Staff are completely and finally abolished and any group which might develop military characteristics will be prohibited.

German authorities are told they must furnish all information and documents for the trial of their leaders, and to comply with Allied orders concerning property rights and titles of persons affected by racial or political discriminations enforced by the later rule.

Production and acquisition of war material and possession of aircraft is forbidden, and Germans must hand over all gold, silver and platinum.—Reuter.

OFF TO GOOD START

London, Sept. 26.—Liverpool's Savings Week has got off to an excellent start. The goal of the city is twelve million pounds sterling. Nine millions has already been collected.—Reuter.

Rome, Sept. 26.—The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Farri, has called the first meeting of the Italian Consultative Assembly. It will advise the Government of matters of urgent importance and prepare the way for the election of a fully representative body.—Reuter.

Melbourne, Sept. 26.—Australian troops have reached Macassar to occupy the Colaba and handle military and civil authority.—Associated Press.

Women In Khaki From P.I.

MRS. THOROLD, LEADER OF THE PARTY, AND THE MISSES GRACE AND UNTHANK ARE THE ADVANCE GUARD OF A WOMEN'S BRITISH RED CROSS UNIT BEING SENT TO THE COLONY FROM MANILA.

Delayed by the typhoon, they were in Manila for the arrival of the "Empress of Australia" and had the pleasant task of supplying the passengers with what mail was available.

While in the Philippines they have been working in the camps and hospitals with the American Red Cross, besides running canteens and doing other necessary jobs. All three were full of praise for the newly built assembly centre, which is 20 miles outside Manila.

Sent for by the Commander-in-Chief, Hong Kong, the British Red Cross trio are now helping the RAPW organisation and hope to be able to help later in some of the hospitals. Seven or eight others will be coming here shortly from Manila.

LIVED IN TENTS Two of the unit went back home on the "Empress of Australia," from Manila, leaving probably a dozen there.

All three of the new arrivals went from London to Sydney in 63 hours, spent several days there and then took two days to get to Manila, where they arrived three weeks ago. They lived in tents during their brief stay and they are now thoroughly enjoying the hospitality of the Gloucesters.

The visitors said the prisoners-of-war released from camps in Formosa were in bad shape, being nothing more than skin and bone.

CHARITY SOCCER Glasgow, Sept. 26.

Over 40,000 spectators saw Glasgow Rangers beat Newcastle United by 3 goals to 2 in a friendly match played here yesterday in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors.

Rangers deserved their 2-1 half-time lead but soon after resumption Newcastle drew level only for Rangers to go ahead again.

Williamson scored two goals for the winners and Duncanson got the third, while Milburn and Weyman scored for Newcastle.

At a dinner given after the game each of the Rangers players received four War Savings Certificates, members of the losing team being given two each.—Reuter.

NEW NATIONAL PARK A new national park is being set apart in the Lake District, in some of the finest scenery in Cumberland. There will be no motor roads through it, though it will be open to the public. A good part of the area is wild moorland.—Reuter.

RADIO THURSDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

ZBW HONGKONG Broadcasting on Frequencies of 690 Kilocycles and from 12.30-1.30 p.m., 6.30-7.30 p.m. and 9.00-10.30 p.m. on 9.47 Megacycles.

H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Dance Music. 1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements. 1.05 p.m.—Bachmanhoff—Suite No. 2 for Two Pianos. 1.25 p.m.—Beethoven—Concerto No. 3 in C Minor. 2.00 p.m.—Close Down. 6.30 p.m.—Film Selections. 7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements. 7.10 p.m.—Musical Comedy. 7.40 p.m.—Patricia Roseborough, Eddie & Doris Watson & others in Variety. 8.33 p.m.—Haydn—"Clock" Symphony in D Minor. 9.00 p.m.—News & Announcements. 9.10 p.m.—A Concert by De Groot & His Orchestra with Dennis Noble (Vocal) and Max Marykin (Soprano). 10.00 p.m.—LONDON Relay—News & Highlights from the Papers. 10.10 p.m.—Dance Music. 10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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